BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Brookline, Mass.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Assessors Held on January 26, 2010

The Board convened at 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2010. Present at the meeting were members of the Board Gary McCabe, Mark Mazur and Harold Petersen. Deputy Chief Assessor Rachid Belhocine joined the Board for a discussion of abatements, exemptions, and old business.

Postings of Agenda and Minutes

Mr. McCabe reported that the agendas for the meetings of the Board of Assessors are posted on the Town of Brookline web site under the Calendar section. Minutes of the meetings will be posted under Boards/Commissions: Assessors: Minutes.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2010, were accepted as submitted.

Abatements

The Board reviewed and approved 4 requests for abatement of real estate taxes for Fiscal Year 2010.

ATB Abatements

The Board reviewed and approved 2 abatements of real estate taxes as arrived at in settlement of Appellate Tax Board cases.

Chapter 58, Section 8 Abatements

The Board reviewed and approved 2 abatements of personal property taxes as permitted under Section 8 of Chapter 58 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Residential Exemptions

The Board reviewed and approved a total of 6 applications for residential exemption for Fiscal Year 2010.

Statutory Exemptions

The Board reviewed 3 applications for statutory exemption, of which 2 were approved and 1 was denied.

Old Business

The Board continued a discussion of an application for charitable exemption as initiated at the last meeting. The Board also discussed a case before the Appellate Tax Board involving a large rental property.

New Business

Mr. McCabe reported that the Council on Aging is asking the support of the Assessors for a warrant article to increase the maximum amount of the senior work-off exemption from \$750 to \$1000. This has been authorized by the legislature. The Board expressed its approval for such an increase.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m. and a subsequent meeting is scheduled for February 23.

A true record.

Attest:

Harold A. Petersen